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Arlene currently works in the Shoreland Section of the NH Department of Environmental Services Wetlands Bureau. Prior to being the Shoreland Outreach Coordinator, she worked in the compliance section of the Wetlands Bureau. She holds a degree in Environmental Conservation. Arlene also sits on her town's conservation commission and assists the planning and zoning board of adjustment.

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Jennifer is a 2001 graduate of MIT's Department of Urban Studies and Planning with a Masters in City Planning and a Certificate in Urban Design. Jennifer holds a Bachelor of Architecture from Norwich University, and from 1996 to 1998 she served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Guinea, West Africa in the areas of public health education and community development. She also worked as an architectural designer for a small firm in Boston, MA prior to joining Southern NH Planning Commission as a regional planner focusing on housing, natural hazard mitigation, emergency management planning, and local land use planning. In 2006, Jennifer joined the Office of Energy and Planning as a Senior Planner.

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As a Peace Corps Volunteer in rural Panama (1995 -1997), Charlie taught conservation and sustainable agriculture techniques to school-age youth and to subsistence farmers. Subsequent to the Peace Corps, he served as an Economic Development Educator for the University of Illinois Extension. Currently, as a Community and Economic Development Specialist for UNH Cooperative Extension, Charlie provides municipalities with planning assistance in the areas of land use, recreation, tourism, community development, and economic development. He also brings his applied experience into the classroom as a faculty member in the Department of Resource Economics, where he teaches courses in community and economic development.

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Michele joined UNH Cooperative Extension in 1998 to provide statewide program coordination for the Teen Assessment Project (TAP). She assisted in supporting the goals and objectives of the project; wrote and edited research and grant reports as well as the parent newsletter series; managed evaluation activities associated with the project and provided technical expertise in coalition development and maintenance. Beginning in 2001, she joined the Strengthening NH Communities Initiative (SNHC) where she is providing statewide coordination, evaluation and follow-up of the Community Profiles project, linking students and faculty to applied community research and doing facilitation of public participation activities. Her interests include public participation and collaborative problem solving, land use planning (preservation and conservation), coalition development and program evaluation.

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Following an unfulfilled dream of becoming an archaeologist, Clay graduated with a joint degree, J.D. and Masters in Environmental Law, from Vermont Law School. During his time at Vermont Law School, Clay interned with the City of Lebanon, NH and since worked for regional planning commissions, municipalities, and on his own as a planning consultant. Clay is currently in the last stages of writing his dissertation for a Ph.D. in Natural Resources and Earth Systems Science at UNH and has recently branched out into efforts to develop alternative energy programs for a wide range of clients with his new partnership, Green Power Management.

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